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HISTORY

ROUTE 1

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PAPER 3 – ASPECTS OF THE HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL EUROPE AND THE ISLAMIC WORLD

Friday 13 May 2011 (morning)

2 hours 30 minutes

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer three questions.

1. Analyse the reasons for, and the results of, the Investiture crisis (1075–1122).
2. For what reasons, and with what results, did monastic reform occur after AD900?
3. “The Fatimid Empire did not have a significant influence on the Islamic world.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
4. Why did the Fatimid Empire collapse?
5. Analyse the methods by which William I established his authority in England.
6. For what reasons, and with what results, did Philip II of France engage in a struggle with the Angevin dynasty?
7. “The principal cause of the collapse of the Crusader States was the strength of the Islamic opposition.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
8. Why was the First Crusade a success?
9. Explain the reasons for the successful Mongol invasions of the Islamic world.
10. “The Mongols had little permanent impact on the Islamic world.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
11. Why did the *Reconquista* succeed?
12. Assess the significance for Islamic rule in Spain of **two** of the following: ‘Abd al-Rahman I; “the Party kings”; al-Mut’amid; the Almohads.
13. For what reasons did parliament emerge in England in the thirteenth century?
14. Assess the extent to which the Holy Roman Emperor Frederick I was successful in fulfilling his aims in political, military and religious matters.

15. “England’s defeat in the Hundred Years War after 1422 was the result of her own errors and weaknesses.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 16. For what reasons, and with what results, did the Wars of the Roses occur?
 17. “The Black Death was the most important cause of popular insurrections in fourteenth century Europe.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 18. Assess the significance of the Black Death for the medieval Church.
 19. “The Ottoman conquest of Egypt and Syria did not cause significant changes in those societies.” To what extent do you agree with this statement?
 20. Account for the success of the Ottomans as military conquerors.
 21. Why did the Renaissance originate in Italy?
 22. Assess the significance for Renaissance society or government of **two** of the following: Machiavelli; Lorenzo de Medici; Julius II; the Sforza family.
 23. Assess the role of religion as a cause of the European exploration movements.
 24. Analyse the impact on the Islamic world of the new European exploration movements.
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